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1. It is reported that MNR leaders, most notably Victor Paz Estenssoro, have issued orders to the Miners' Syndicate in the form of propaganda circulars and manifestoes to bring about the following conditions:
 - a. Continue the strikes;
 - b. Send no information regarding activities, conferences, movements of miners, etc., over state telegraph;
 - c. Incite the Indians, of whom there are approximately 200,000 who will back the MNR and the miners;
 - d. Continue every form of resistance possible against President Hertzog and his government;
 - e. Secure all arms available with the aid of military sources.
2. This "collaboration," it was pointed out in a letter from Paz Estenssoro to Florentino Quiroz, Secretary General of the Union Sindical de Trabajadores Fabriles, and Juan Lechin, head of the Federacion Sindical de Trabajadores Mineros de Bolivia, would mean the freeing of the miners from the shackles of the present government and place them in a position, in the very near future, to receive justice, liberty, and power, under the guidance of the MNR. The letter further stated that this (meaning the complete collaboration) must be done to insure success, and that all the miners must be ready to combine their forces and strike when the moment comes.
3. The "united front" plan of Quiroz's, together with his desire to unite all workers of Bolivia in a common front against Communism, is reported to have come directly from Paz Estenssoro via Ruben Julio and Luis Penaloza, and is all part of MNR's plan to gather sufficient support and force to insure a successful overthrow of the present government.

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